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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1981

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MAY 1981	APRIL 1981	MARCH 1981	MAY 1980
Total civilian labor force ^a	11,405	11,462	11,345	11,183
Total civilian employment	10,665	10,647	10,523	10,394
Total unemployment	740	815	822	789
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.5	7.1	7.2	7.1
Range ^b	6.0-7.2	6.7-7.7	6.7-7.7	6.7-7.7
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.6
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force ^a	11,315	11,358	11,311	11,103
Total civilian employment	10,620	10,546	10,470	10,358
Total unemployment	696	813	840	745
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.1	7.2	7.4	6.7
Range ^b	5.6-6.7	6.7-7.7	7.8-8.2	6.1-7.3

^a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

^b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS The Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported that California's seasonally adjusted labor force increased by 43,000 from April to a May level of 11,405,000. The total number of people employed increased by 18,000 to 10,665,000 while unemployment dropped from 815,000 to 740,000. Seasonally adjusted, California's unemployment rate dropped from 7.1 percent to 6.5 percent. At the national level, the unemployment rate increased from 7.3 percent in April to 7.6 in May.

During the last 12 months, California's labor force has expanded by 222,000. The number of people employed increased by 271,000 over the year while unemployment declined by 49,000. Nationally, the labor force has expanded by 2,346,000 during the last 12 months to

107,406,000. Over the year the national unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, has remained at 7.6 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 45,300 to 9,942,100 in May. All-around industry groups showed increases in employment over the month. The largest increase in employment was indicated in retail trade, up 16,600, followed by services, up 7,700.

Over the year total wage and salary employment increased by 77,700. The largest year over increase was in services, up 81,100 followed by retail trade which increased by 30,000. Offsetting these gains, were losses in the construction industry, down 44,200, and manufacturing, down 9,200.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION^{1/} IN CALIFORNIA^{3/}

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MAY 1981	APRIL 1981	MARCH 1981	MAY 1980
Total				
Labor Force	11,315	11,358	11,311	11,065
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	65.1	65.4	65.2	64.9
Employed	10,620	10,546	10,470	10,330
Employment — Population Ratio . .	61.1	60.7	60.4	60.5
Unemployed	696	813	840	735
Unemployment Rate	6.1	7.2	7.4	6.6
Range ^{2/}	5.5—6.7	6.5—7.9	6.7—8.1	6.0—7.2
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,976	5,962	5,991	5,840
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	79.4	79.7	79.6	79.7
Employed	5,633	5,588	5,578	5,529
Employment — Population Ratio . .	74.9	74.7	74.1	75.5
Unemployed	342	373	414	311
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.3	6.9	5.3
Range ^{2/}	4.9—6.5	5.4—7.2	6.0—7.8	4.6—6.0
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	4,496	4,485	4,463	4,312
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	53.9	54.0	54.1	53.1
Employed	4,260	4,203	4,177	4,047
Employment — Population Ratio . .	51.1	50.7	50.7	49.8
Unemployed	237	283	285	265
Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.3	6.4	6.1
Range ^{2/}	4.4—6.2	5.3—7.3	5.4—7.4	5.2—7.0
Both Sexes, Age 16—19				
Labor Force	844	912	856	912
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	55.1	57.8	54.8	56.5
Employed	727	755	715	753
Employment — Population Ratio . .	47.5	47.9	45.6	46.6
Unemployed	117	156	142	159
Unemployment Rate	13.9	17.1	16.6	17.4
Range ^{2/}	10.7—17.1	13.7—20.5	13.2—20.0	14.4—20.4
White				
Labor Force	9,844	9,858	9,833	9,644
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	65.4	65.9	65.7	65.2
Employed	9,280	9,203	9,151	9,078
Employment — Population Ratio . .	61.7	61.5	61.2	61.4
Unemployed	565	656	682	566
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.7	6.9	5.9
Range ^{2/}	5.1—6.3	6.0—7.4	6.2—7.6	5.3—6.5
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,471	1,500	1,477	1,421
Labor Force Participation Rate . . .	62.7	62.3	62.1	62.3
Employed	1,340	1,343	1,319	1,252
Employment — Population Ratio . .	57.1	55.8	55.5	54.9
Unemployed	131	157	158	169
Unemployment Rate	8.9	10.5	10.7	11.9
Range ^{2/}	6.8—11.0	8.2—12.8	8.4—13.0	9.7—14.1

^{1/} Civilian, noninstitutional population, age 16 and over. Population data are provisional and will be revised at a later date. Estimates of population used herein may differ from those published by the California Department of Finance.

^{2/} Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

^{3/} Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, CALIFORNIA^{a/}

(In thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAY 1981	APRIL 1981	MARCH 1981	MAY 1980
	(Prelim.)			
Agricultural wage and salary ^{b/}	378.1	306.5	312.4	376.2
Nonagricultural wage and salary	9,942.1	9,896.8	9,870.6	9,864.4
Mining	44.6	44.1	43.8	43.2
Construction	394.6	390.9	384.0	438.8
Manufacturing	1,981.3	1,977.7	1,978.1	1,990.5
Nondurable goods	622.8	620.7	621.4	626.4
Food and kindred products	172.9	172.6	170.7	173.9
Textile mill products	13.9	13.9	13.8	14.3
Apparel and other textile products	104.2	102.5	105.4	108.5
Paper and allied products	37.8	37.7	37.7	38.8
Printing and publishing	124.8	124.4	124.5	122.3
Chemicals and allied products	63.1	63.6	63.4	64.4
Petroleum and coal products	29.8	29.8	29.9	28.5
Rubber and plastics products	65.6	65.7	65.5	65.2
Leather and leather products	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.5
Durable goods	1,358.5	1,357.0	1,356.7	1,364.1
Lumber and wood products	61.4	59.4	59.1	59.7
Furniture and fixtures	54.6	54.9	54.6	51.8
Stone, clay, and glass products	55.2	54.6	54.6	57.5
Primary metal industries	54.3	54.7	54.5	57.5
Fabricated metal products	152.6	151.8	151.4	154.6
Machinery, except electrical	233.1	233.7	234.0	237.3
Electric and electronic equipment	331.5	332.2	331.5	331.9
Transportation equipment	276.2	276.0	276.7	275.1
Instruments and related products	99.8	99	100.3	98.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	39.8	39	40.0	40.1
Transportation and public utilities	543.8	540.1	537.7	542.4
Wholesale and retail trade	2,294.1	2,272.1	2,265.9	2,247.1
Wholesale trade	597.4	592.2	589.0	580.4
Retail trade	1,696.7	1,680.1	1,676.9	1,666.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	630.5	627.1	628.1	618.0
Services industries	2,241.1	2,233.4	2,228.6	2,160.0
Government ^{c/}	1,812.1	1,811.2	1,804.4	1,824.4
Federal	320.1	319.9	319.6	346.8
State and local	1,492.0	1,491.3	1,484.8	1,477.6

^{a/} Employment reported by place of work excluding workers involved in labor disputes.

^{b/} Excludes farmers and unpaid family workers.

^{c/} Includes all civilian government employees regardless of activity in which they are engaged.

TABLE 4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, CALIFORNIA AND METROPOLITAN AREAS^a
(amounts in thousands)

Area	Total civilian employment			Total unemployment			Unemployment rate (percent) ^b		
	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980
California	10,545.8	10,470.2	10,329.0	812.7	840.4	778.0	7.2	7.4	7.0
Anaheim-Santa Ana									
Garden Grove	1,093.7	1,088.4	1,033.6	47.0	49.8	46.5	4.1	4.4	4.3
Bakersfield	172.5	168.9	160.3	16.4	18.8	16.5	8.7	10.0	9.3
Fresno	237.9	231.5	230.1	28.7	31.5	27.5	10.8	12.0	10.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	3,289.0	3,251.0	3,373.0	243.0	240.0	223.0	6.9	6.9	6.2
Modesto	107.7	107.4	104.3	20.9	21.1	19.8	16.2	16.4	15.9
Oxnard-Simi Valley-Ventura	224.9	221.6	215.0	16.2	17.6	15.4	6.7	7.3	6.7
Riverside-San Bernardino									
Ontario	550.0	550.8	533.3	46.6	48.2	42.4	7.8	8.0	7.4
Sacramento	442.8	439.9	422.6	40.0	42.8	40.0	8.3	8.9	8.6
Salinas-Seaside-Monterey	121.4	116.1	113.6	13.0	14.7	13.3	9.7	11.2	10.4
San Diego	727.2	728.4	696.1	49.9	53.7	50.9	6.4	6.9	6.8
San Francisco-Oakland	1,563.8	1,566.3	1,506.7	90.8	92.5	87.2	5.5	5.6	5.5
San Jose	722.6	724.3	689.0	45.1	43.5	39.4	5.9	5.7	5.4
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	142.3	141.2	135.7	8.2	8.8	8.5	5.4	5.9	5.9
Santa Rosa	123.5	123.7	119.5	10.8	11.5	10.6	8.1	8.5	8.2
Stockton	141.9	138.6	136.2	20.2	22.0	19.1	12.5	13.7	12.3
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	121.4	120.4	114.0	9.7	10.5	10.3	7.4	8.0	8.3

^a Areas are Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. See California Labor Market Bulletin, Statistical Supplement for definitions.

^b Not adjusted for seasonal variation.

TABLE 5
EARNINGS AND HOURS^a OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING
CALIFORNIA AND METROPOLITAN AREAS^b

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980
California	\$327.32	\$327.10	\$294.78	39.2	39.6	39.2	\$8.35	\$8.26	\$7.52
Anaheim-Santa Ana									
Garden Grove	316.39	319.12	278.59	40.1	40.6	40.2	7.89	7.86	6.93
Bakersfield	361.62	362.03	309.96	41.0	41.0	37.8	8.82	8.83	8.20
Fresno	302.64	295.66	274.48	39.0	38.8	39.1	7.76	7.62	7.02
Los Angeles-Long Beach	311.26	315.17	283.60	39.5	40.2	40.0	7.88	7.84	7.09
Modesto	306.44	292.50	275.63	37.6	36.2	37.5	8.15	8.08	7.35
Oxnard-Simi Valley-Ventura	280.24	286.31	252.97	38.6	39.6	37.7	7.26	7.23	6.71
Riverside-San Bernardino									
Ontario	329.94	329.18	289.94	39.8	39.9	38.0	8.29	8.25	7.63
Sacramento	335.01	335.72R	301.55	38.2	38.5	37.6	8.77	8.72R	8.02
Salinas-Seaside-Monterey	292.99	296.06R	272.31	38.5	38.4R	36.7	7.61	7.71R	7.42
San Diego	298.13	302.51	279.80	37.5	38.1	38.7	7.95	7.94	7.23
San Francisco-Oakland	395.85	390.56	344.16	39.0	38.9	38.8	10.15	10.04	8.87
San Jose	342.68	344.60	314.42	39.8	39.7	39.6	8.61	8.68	7.94
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	285.37	285.92R	248.64	38.1	38.9	37.0	7.49	7.35R	6.72
Santa Rosa	290.70	294.51	257.97	38.1	38.7	36.8	7.63	7.61	7.01
Stockton	351.25	351.12	309.85	39.6	39.9	38.3	8.87	8.80	8.09
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	353.19	331.60	306.38	38.6	37.3	37.5	9.15	8.89	8.17

^a Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

^b Areas are Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. See California Labor Market Bulletin, Statistical Supplement for definitions.

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